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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017                      12:00 noon                      Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Local Government was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Lower, Crawford, Runestad, Howell, Alexander, Frederick, Hauck, Green, Moss, Ellison, Sabo.

Members absent/excused: None.

The Chair laid HB 4290 before the committee:

HB 4290 (Webber)                      Drains; sewers; liability for overflow or backups; specify rainfall levels and what constitutes a defect.

Representative Webber, John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League, and Chuck Hersey, representing Oakland County, all testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Steve Liddle, representing the homeowners, testified in opposition to the bill.

Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Bill Flory, representing the Michigan Association for Justice, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Michael Watz, representing the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Michael Watz, representing PROTEC.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Laura Haynes, representing the Conference of Western Wayne.

Mike Compagnoni, representing the city of Rochester Hills.

Amy Gumbrecht, representing Wayne County.

Jen Flood, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners.

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Representative Crawford moved to adopt the June 7th, 2017, minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

**Representative Jim Lower, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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